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Title 1 ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Chapter 1.52 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS*

1.52.020 Purposes of chapter.

The city council enacts this chapter in order to accomplish the following:

- (1) To promote honesty, integrity and fairness in the electoral process by establishing and enforcing reasonable disclosure requirements and limitations on **campaign contributions** and **campaign expenditures** which will not deprive or restrict any person in the exercise of rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the California Constitution;
- (2) To insure that voters will be fully informed and to inhibit improper **campaign** practices by requiring the full and truthful disclosure in election campaigns of certain **contributions** which are received by candidates for elective city office;
- (3) To enhance participation in municipal elections by establishing and enforcing reasonable limitations on **campaign contributions** to and **campaign expenditures** by, candidates for elective city office;
- (4) To limit overall expenditures in campaigns for elective city office, thereby reducing the pressure on candidates for elective city office to raise large **campaign war chests** beyond the amount necessary to communicate reasonably with voters;
- (5) To insure that municipal elections will be the expression of the will of a well-informed electorate.

(Ord. 1895 § 2 (part), 12-2-91)

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1.52.060 Campaign contribution limitations.

(a) No person other than a candidate shall make, and no person or candidate shall solicit or accept, any **contributions** (including loans) which will cause the aggregate amount contributed by such person with respect to a single election for member of the city council, city clerk, or city treasurer, in support of or opposition to a candidate for any such office, including **contributions** to all committees supporting or opposing such candidate, to exceed one thousand dollars. As used in this section, the term "contribution" includes in-kind **contributions** of property, services or anything else of value, whether tangible or intangible.

(b) A candidate for elective city office shall not be limited by subsection (a) of this section in the amount of personal funds he or she may contribute or expend in connection with his or her own **campaign**, nor shall a candidate be prohibited from obtaining a personal loan of any amount from a duly licensed financial lending institution in the regular course of business.

(c) Any **contributions** solicited or accepted pursuant to this section shall be expended only in connection with the candidacy for the elective city office specified in the candidate's nomination papers. **Contributions** solicited or accepted pursuant to this section for one individual shall not be expended for the candidacy of any other individual or in support of or opposition to any city ballot measure.

(d) No person shall make, and no candidate or committee shall solicit or accept, any cash **contributions** in excess of twenty-five dollars.

(e) No contribution shall be made, directly or indirectly, by any person or combination of persons acting jointly in a name other than the name by which they are identified for legal purposes, nor in the name of another person or combination of persons. No person shall make a contribution in his, her, or its name of anything belonging to another person or received from another person on the condition that it be used as a contribution. If it is discovered by a candidate or committee treasurer that a contribution has been received in violation of this subsection, the candidate or treasurer shall, within ten days after receipt, return the amount received to the contributor or pay the amount received to the city treasurer for deposit in the general fund of the city.

(Ord. 1895 § 2 (part), 12-2-91)

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1.52.080 Disclosure of campaign contributions.

A. During each and every reporting period relating to a municipal election in which elective city offices are to be filled, campaign statements or reports filed with the election official by a candidate, or by a committee supporting or opposing such candidate, shall disclose the total amount of **contributions** received during each such reporting period from each person who has contributed a cumulative amount of one hundred dollars or more.

B. For **contributions** received from any person who has contributed a cumulative amount of one hundred dollars or more, the following information shall be disclosed on the **campaign statement** or report:

1. The contributor's full name, street address, and occupation;
2. The name of the contributor's employer, or, if self-employed, the name of the contributor's business;
3. The date and amount of the contribution;
4. The cumulative amount of **contributions** received from the contributor;
5. If the contribution was a loan, the interest rate for the loan;

C. For **contributions** received in connection with a fundraising event conducted by a candidate, or by a committee supporting or opposing such candidate, the **campaign statement** or report shall disclose the following information:

1. The date and location of the fundraising event;
2. The number of people in attendance;
3. The gross receipts of the fundraising event.

(Ord. 2092 § 2, 1-22-02; Ord. 1895 § 2 (part), 12-2-91)